

## Message Text

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R 151050Z JUL 75  
FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
TO AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
INFO MSG BN, HENDERSON HALL  
SECSTATE WASHDC 4781

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 4828

HONG KONG FOR RMO/RSS; MSG BN FOR CO; DEPARTMENT FOR A/SY/FO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: TRANSFER OF NCOIC: SSGT. EDWARD L. WAGNER

1. DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION IN VIENTIANE THE POST RELUCTANTLY REQUESTS THE TRANSFER OF NCOIC SSGT E.L. WAGNER AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF A SINGLE NCOIC TO REPLACE HIM. THE CURRENT ATTITUDE OF THE PATHET LAO AND STUDENT ELEMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE U.S. PRESENCE AND THE FACT THAT SSGT WAGNER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY MEMBERS OF THESE GROUPS MAKES HIS TRANSFER ESSENTIAL. HE WAS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED BY PATHET LAO AT THE SILVER CITY GATE WHO OBVIOUSLY RECOGNIZED HIM FROM A PREVIOUS CONFRONTATION AT THE CHANCERY GATE DURING THE MAY DEMONSTRATIONS. HE WAS REFUSED PERMISSION TO ENTER SILVER CITY TO RETRIEVE PERSONAL BELONGINGS WHEN OTHER SILVER CITY RESIDENTS WERE BEING ADMITTED. ADDITIONALLY, HIS HOUSE WAS SINGLED OUT FOR AN ESPECIALLY THOROUGH RANSACKING DURING THE OCCUPATION OF SILVER CITY. EMBASSY HAS NOTED ALSO THAT MARINE HOUSE IS UNDER PERIODIC SURVEILLANCE BY MEMBERS OF DEMONSTRATOR GROUPS.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS REQUEST FOR TRANSFER MAY CAUSE PERSONNEL STAFFING PROBLEMS; HOWEVER, PROMPT ACTION IS NEEDED. SSGT WAGNER HAS INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO REMAIN WITH THE MSG PROGRAM ON AN ACCOMPANIED BASIS; HIS REQUEST IS SUPPORTED BY THE POST. FAVORABLE ACTION WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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4. FOR INFORMATION OF HONG KONG, EMBASSY HAS IN STUDYING  
MISSION PHASEDOWN RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDED THAT IT MAY BE  
NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE MSG UNIT IN ITS ENTIRETY. THIS  
POSITION HAS BEEN CABLED TO DEPARTMENT IN COMMUNICATION  
DEALING WITH OVERALL STAFFING OF MISSION.  
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